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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE June 8, 1970

FULL NAME [REDACTED]
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY [REDACTED] STATE Ind. ZIP CODE [REDACTED]

AGE 33 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE [REDACTED] (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION Catholic NATIONALITY American

OCCUPATION School teacher

EDUCATION Marian College (BA) & Indiana State Univ. (MA)

WEIGHT 160 COLOR WHITE HEIGHT 5'7"

COLOR OF HAIR LT BROWN COLOR OF EYES ?

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS [REDACTED]

MARRIED OR SINGLE married CHILDREN 2 (pre-school) [REDACTED] -3
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME [REDACTED]

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u>	<u>IND.</u>	<u>SCOUTMASTER</u>	<u>Oct, 1967</u>	<u>Mar, 1970</u>

SPECIAL RECOGNITION [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Arrested for homosexual activity with many boys both in scouting and through the school which he was teaching. Grand jury has indicted him. Trial to be conducted in August, 1970. He has resigned his teaching position.

Signed [REDACTED]

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council [REDACTED]

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City/suburbs

Expert tells obsession of Scout aide

By Jerry Shnay

A psychologist, testifying Thursday for the defense in the trial of a former Boy Scout leader accused of molesting an 11-year-old boy, described the defendant as "a person obsessed and infatuated with young boys."

"He was relating to those children essentially as lovers, and said he was teaching them things no other adult would tell them," said Dr. Lawrence Heinrich, who conducted a psychological examination of [redacted] of Burbank.

[redacted], accused of sexually attacking at least 11 youths between the ages of 10 and 14, is being tried on two counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault involving one boy.

If convicted by the 10-man, 2-woman jury in the Bridgeview branch of Cook County Circuit Court, Hacker could face 60 years in prison.

Attorney Elliot Price began his defense Thursday by trying to prove the contention he made during opening arguments that his client was insane and "totally out of control."

In recalling some of the interviews he conducted with the defendant, Heinrich called [redacted]'s behavior "bizarre" and "deviant."

"Being around these boys made him feel special," Heinrich said. "He said that people kept telling him it was wrong, to stop these things, and he said he's tried to stop a million times but didn't know how."

"In his own mind, molestation was something else. He had a sense that he was helping boys develop healthy attitudes about themselves."

[redacted] was married at one time and was the father of three children, but the psychologist said he could not escape his obsessions.

Heinrich said [redacted] told him that he thought marriage "would solve things," but he added that "he had to fantasize about kids to have sex with his wife."

Earlier in the week, six youths, including the victim in the case on trial, testified for the prosecution.

[redacted], who was once the director of the Burbank Park District and had been active in various youth activities, is accused of attacking the youths on numerous Boy Scout overnight camping trips, when he was an assistant Scoutmaster of a troop that served the Burbank and Oak Lawn areas.

He was arrested on Feb. 10, 1988, after authorities received complaints from the parents of one of the victims, who said they suspected their son had been molested.

After he was taken into custody, an investigation revealed that he had been convicted for sex offenses in Indianapolis in 1970 and Mt. Prospect in 1971. [redacted] avoided discovery for years, although his name was supposed to be on a national "not-for-hire" list circulated by the Boy Scouts.

Heinrich, who returns to the stand Friday, said [redacted] told him he was "frequently reported" for his activities. "They would know something was wrong, but no charges were filed. They'd tell him to resign or we'll report you."

The case is expected to go to the jury early next week.

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May 6, 1988

[REDACTED]
Child Protection Investigator
Department of Children and Family Services
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], IL [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Guest:

Thank you for your letter of April 15, concerning [REDACTED]. We appreciate this information as it aids us in our identification of those who should not be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

Thanks again for notifying us on this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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ERIN O'RILEY

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
GORDON JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

ILLINOIS

April 15, 1988

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], IL [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services has indicated a report of sexual abuse against [REDACTED]. As a result of our investigation there were found to be 34 victims of sexual abuse. [REDACTED] will be listed on the Illinois State Central Registry for 5 years as a child abuser. He has been charged for these offenses by local law enforcement agencies. [REDACTED] was a boy scout leader at [REDACTED], Illinois. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Child Protection Investigator

PSG:loe

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

GORDON JOHNSON
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

[REDACTED] ILLINOIS [REDACTED]

April 15, 1988

Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75062-2079

Dear Sir:

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Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Child Protection Investigator

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Suspect in child molesting able to keep past hidden

By BILL TORPY
and BOB BROWN
Staff Reporters

BURBANK — For the last 17 years, [REDACTED] kept one step ahead of his hidden past.

Those who knew [REDACTED] thought he was an intelligent, energetic man who worked extremely well with children. They saw him as a motivated teacher with a master's degree in child psychology.

He was experienced in setting up and running youth programs, could train staff members and even carried a fine tune around the campfire.

Those impressive credentials helped [REDACTED] land teaching jobs and rise to leadership positions with the Oak Lawn and Burbank park districts and the Boy Scouts.

What no one knew was that [REDACTED] was a convicted pedophile. He was arrested as early as 1961 in Indianapolis on charges later dropped by a judge and pleaded guilty in August 1970 to sexually assaulting a 14-year-old Indianapolis boy.

[REDACTED] past started unraveling 11 days ago when the former director of the Burbank Park District was charged with six counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault in the molestations of three Boy Scouts ages 11 and 12.

Authorities said [REDACTED] 51, former leader of Boy Scout Troop 1600 at St. Louis De Montfort Catholic Church in Oak Lawn, allegedly molested the boys on campouts. [REDACTED] may be implicated in as many as 30 assaults between 1983 and 1987, according to authorities.

An investigation by The Daily Southtown Economist Newspapers of [REDACTED]'s activities since moving to Illinois in 1970 found that despite at least two alleged fondling incidents, [REDACTED] continued to work in jobs and volunteer organizations that allowed him to stay in close contact with young boys.

[REDACTED] was hired by the Burbank Park District in 1980 — even though he had resigned under pressure from the neighboring Oak Lawn Park District five years earlier following allegations of abuse.

He also became a Boy Scout troop leader at the Oak Lawn Catholic church — even though he was banned from the Scouts following the 1970 Indianapolis incident.

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Staff photo by Art Vasey
In this photo taken Feb. 11, Burbank Police Commander Bill Kujawa escorts [REDACTED] (left) to court in Chicago Ridge. [REDACTED] was released on \$50,000 cash bond on Feb. 12.

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Suspect

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Hidden record

The case with which [redacted] was able to leave his past behind in Indiana and resurface amid allegations of the same crimes is perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the case.

John Meduga, supervisor of the Illinois State Police child exploitation unit, said allegations of child molestation against [redacted] date back to 1961 in Indianapolis, where he was working as a teacher and Scout leader when he was accused of abusing a boy. A judge later dismissed those charges.

[redacted] was arrested in February 1970 — nine years later — and accused of molesting as many as 51 young boys. Indianapolis newspaper accounts paint a picture of [redacted] as a popular school teacher, YMCA youth leader, area educational leader and a Boy Scout leader, the same image he cultivated in Illinois.

[redacted] pleaded guilty to sexual assault and was given a 1- to 5-year suspended sentence. The judge also warned that any new violations during that period would send [redacted] to prison to serve out his sentence.

Lost in the system

[redacted] petitioned and was allowed to move to Illinois in December 1970, according to records in the Cook County Adult Probation Department. Less than a year later, on Nov. 21, 1971, [redacted] pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of taking indecent liberties with a child in northwest suburban Mount Prospect.

But it's impossible to tell if that conviction was ever reported to the Indiana judge. Cook County and Indiana authorities said the case files on [redacted] from that time have been destroyed.

Only one thing is certain. [redacted] never was sent back to prison in Indiana.

Instead, [redacted] remained in the Chicago area and in 1973 was hired as a sixth-grade teacher with the Chicago Public Schools.

While working as a Chicago schoolteacher [redacted] was hired by the Oak Lawn Park District as day-camp director in 1975 for children 11 and 12 years old.

"He was as outstanding an employee as you may find," said Scott McNally, former recreation director for the park district.

Problems arise

But then came problems. "We never had overnights before he came and he suggested we have them," McNally said. "He said it would be good for the kids' experience."

After an overnight, one of the boys alleged [redacted] pulled him under a table and "massaged his butt," McNally said. He added that other boys alleged [redacted] pulled up their pajama bottoms to wake them up.

Park officials made [redacted] take a lie detector test after parents complained but refused to allow [redacted] to phrase his own questions as he wanted, according to McNally.

"He did admit spanking (one boy's) bare bottom," McNally said, adding that [redacted] failed the rest of the test when asked about his intent. "According to the examiner, he blew the box off the wall — meaning he flunked badly."

McNally said he drove [redacted] back from the test and it was a quiet ride. He said he was surprised by [redacted]'s reaction to the incident. "He was mostly mad he didn't get to structure the questions," McNally said.

McNally said board members were stunned, "but with him, you didn't want to believe it. But then again, you have to look into his personality and how he manipulates. He had us all duped."

The parents did not want to press charges and the park district forced [redacted] to resign. "All we could do was dismiss him and encourage him to seek help," McNally said.

State Rep. John McNamara, then president of the Oak Lawn Park District board, confirmed that [redacted] admitted spanking the youth and failed the lie detector test.

McNamara conceded "it does boggle the mind" that [redacted] continued to be involved in youth activities in the area after leaving Oak Lawn.

McNamara also said he knew that Hacker later became a Scout leader at St. Louis De Montfort, but maintained it is difficult to warn others because there was no criminal record.

He said he told the Rev. James Quinn, a deceased former pastor, but did not tell the current pastor,

the Rev. Bill Quinn.

"If I came to you with a rumor, what would you do?" McNamara asked. He said [redacted] "has to be an extremely brilliant individual who psychologically manipulates those around him."

Moving on

McNally said he was surprised to hear that soon after [redacted] left the park district, he became president of the West Side Baseball Association, a youth baseball league in Oak Lawn.

"People knew; the informal network knew," McNally said. "How could they let him back in?"

[redacted]'s stay as president of the West Side Baseball Association is cloudy. Current President Art Worley said, "I think he was in and out. I think there were problems," but could offer no specifics.

[redacted] also was arrested in Oak Lawn on July 4, 1976, on a charge of battery, the village's police records show.

[redacted] left the Chicago school system in 1981. A school spokesman said there was nothing in the records to show why Hacker left. The spokesman also said there was no indication that Hacker ever had any problems.

[redacted] subsequently landed a job the following September at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Evergreen Park.

[redacted] did not last the school year there. A Chicago Archdiocese spokeswoman said he was dismissed in May 1982, but declined to say why.

There is no police record on the alleged incident and state authorities said they were never notified as required by state law if the allegations involved child molesting or abuse.

Settled in Burbank

In 1980, [redacted] started working part time for the Burbank Park District. He started working full time in 1982 as the recreational director, in charge of basketball programs, day camp, T-ball, softball, the "Latch-key kids" program and other programs. Former park director Ray Ochromowicz said Hacker excelled at his job.

Former Burbank Park District officials said they checked [redacted] background with the Oak Lawn Park District but found nothing.

In an interview last month with the Southtown, [redacted] said he was not asked about his criminal record when he applied at the Burbank district.

He was quite nervous during that interview and asked the newspaper not to print the fact he left because of the conviction or "I'm dead."

[redacted] became a Scout leader at St. Louis De Montfort about eight years ago. Father Quinn said [redacted] quit Scouting suddenly last November, professing that he was leaving because he was getting divorced and had a new job at the Burbank Park District.

Quinn said he was never told about the incident at the Oak Lawn Park District or any other allega-

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Boy Scout officials at the national office said [redacted] changed his middle initial to avoid detection in a computerized "red flag" system to identify undesirables. [redacted] had been placed on the red flag list after his 1970 conviction, but Oak Lawn Scout officials said his name never appeared on the list they were given.

No way to track

But the question still remains how [redacted] was able to move from place to place and keep his record a secret. Officials said there is no mechanism to track sex offenders nationwide.

"As a general practice, communication between states on sexual offenders just doesn't happen," said Mark Cavins, deputy supervisor of the sexual prosecutions division of the Cook County state's attorney's office.

Dave Schneidman, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), said once a convicted sex offender completes his sentence, no one keeps tabs on where they go.

"They're scot-free as far as the law is concerned. A lot of people feel that is a problem; there's no way of tracking these people."

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Date: February 17, 1988

The [REDACTED] Council, Boy Scouts of America was notified on February 2, 1988, via a memo from [REDACTED], District Executive, [REDACTED], that charges were pending against [REDACTED], registered as Chairman of [REDACTED], chartered to [REDACTED], Illinois. ([REDACTED] report and [REDACTED] letter of resignation from troop are attached) At the same time, council was notified via the attached memo.

We were advised that an investigation was currently being conducted by the [REDACTED] Police Department and the [REDACTED] County States Attorney's Office of [REDACTED] re sexual abuse charges. On Tuesday, February 9, 1988, the [REDACTED] Council was notified by the States Attorney's Office that charges would be filed and [REDACTED] would be arrested and indicted for these charges. The news media immediately began contacting the [REDACTED] Council for comments in relationship to the case. The key issue centered around [REDACTED] name being placed on the Boy Scouts of America "confidential file" in 1970 or 1971 by the [REDACTED] Council, [REDACTED] Indiana. The real issue was if he was placed on the confidential file, how was he currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America. The response to all of the above questions by [REDACTED] Council Director of Support Services [REDACTED], as council spokesman, was, "I don't know."

The chartered partnership concept was discussed with the media as well as an admission that there was a confidential file since the story originated in [REDACTED].

Contact was immediately made with [REDACTED], Scouting Coordinator of [REDACTED], and constant communication between the unit and the [REDACTED] Council continued through Tuesday and Wednesday, February 9 and 10. The council also notified [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED], and Board member of the [REDACTED] Council, to apprise him of the situation and seek his support, which was received, and [REDACTED], Chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the council, and key council officers. Area Director [REDACTED] was kept informed as this case continued to unfold, as well as Scout Executive [REDACTED].

A meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, with the entire troop committee, where the situation was discussed as well as plans for continuation of the unit. The unit committee was extremely supportive, as were the parents. In fact, they went on a campout the weekend of February 12, and held Scout Sunday services at the church on Sunday, February 14. Further charges are pending at this time against [REDACTED]. A parents meeting will be held sometime between February 18 and the 26th; [REDACTED] Council officials and volunteers will be in attendance.

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A zone meeting for budget requests of partner United Ways was held on Saturday, February 13. The question of the investigation came up and the chartered partner concept was discussed with the United Way, as well as not believing everything you read in the media, mainly that [REDACTED] was not a Scoutmaster.

An investigation was conducted as to how [REDACTED] was registered with the [REDACTED] Council. It seems that [REDACTED] registered with no application as a multiple person in the 1984/85 charter year by saying that he was registered in another unit outside the council. That charter was forwarded to the National Office.

In checking unit registration with the Scout troop, which maintains impeccable unit records, no record of registration could be found for [REDACTED]. An assumption would be that he "beat the system" by registering as a "multiple" which was not checked out. [REDACTED] also used aliases of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED].

On Tuesday, February 16, a request was made by the Scouting Coordinator for assistance in counselling, and notification was received by the council that qualified child abuse counsellors were difficult to identify within the neighborhoods where these young people live. The Regional office was notified of the concern and responded that the Boy Scouts of America would provide counselling for the young people per National approved policy. This information was verbally passed on to the Scouting Coordinator and mailed on Friday, February 19, 1988 to all thirty (30) parents involved in this situation. Mailing was done via the [REDACTED] County States Attorney's office. Council also provided resources for parents to call those qualified in counselling child abuse cases (copy attached).

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MEMO

TO: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
FROM: [REDACTED]
DATE: February 2, 1988
SUBJECT: Report of Sexual Child Abuse Allegations
cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The following report summarizes events that have transpired over the last several months with relation to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] chartered by [REDACTED]. The report is based upon information discussed at a meeting with [REDACTED], Scouting coordinator of [REDACTED], and attempts to handle the subject at hand as sensitively and accurately as possible.

[REDACTED], previously registered as Committee Chairman of [REDACTED] until January 31, 1988, has been active with the troop for the last 3-4 years. Although [REDACTED] was officially registered as Committee Chairman, his primary role was that of Scoutmaster. This tenure came to a sudden halt though, when [REDACTED] tendered his resignation to the troop in October of 1987 due to "personal reasons".

A few days prior to this resignation, a troop parents' meeting was held. It was at this meeting that some parents became quite vocal with [REDACTED], questioning what boys were accomplishing at troop meetings, camp-outs, and other Scouting functions. [REDACTED] preceded to explain and then requested more parental participation was needed for effective troop operations. It was assumed, due to the flavor of this meeting, that this was the cause which led [REDACTED] to resign. It was confirmed by [REDACTED], however, that [REDACTED] was planning to resign for some time now and it was just "bad timing". The meeting had no impact on [REDACTED]'s decision to leave. It should be noted that [REDACTED] had recently separated from his wife and divorce proceedings were taking place around the same time.

Troop operations continued to proceed under the leadership of the new Scoutmaster, [REDACTED], a former member of committee for [REDACTED]. A Christmas party camp-out took place at [REDACTED] during the month of December and another weekend camp-out at [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] on the 15th, 16th and 17th of January. Though [REDACTED] resigned a month earlier, he was present for both of these camp-outs.

[REDACTED] had recently resigned on January 13, 1988 as Director of the [REDACTED] Park District also. The resignation cited "personal reasons", but came after a police background check had revealed a felony conviction 18 years ago. This charge was heard to be of a sex related nature. The background check came on the heels of two park field house burglaries and the theft of \$575.00.

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On January 20th, [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] Executive Officer of the troop and [REDACTED]. On the same date, but earlier in the evening, [REDACTED] had also met with [REDACTED], previously registered Scoutmaster of the troop. Both meetings dealt with the October's parent meeting that preceded [REDACTED] resignation, the rumors associated with [REDACTED] giving up the park district post, and the request that [REDACTED] not be allowed to attend future troop activities. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] conferred at work the next day to discuss informing parents and troop leaders of this exclusion.

On Saturday, January 30th at 9:30 a.m., [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] to inform him and discuss that some troop parents were going to press charges against Hacker. [REDACTED] received this information from [REDACTED], a member of the committee in the troop. A meeting was then scheduled and conducted at about 10:30 a.m. with [REDACTED]. It was decided at this meeting that troop activities would carry on as usual and that assistance would be sought from the Boy Scout organization (C.A.C.) on how to handle inquiries from parents, legal ramifications, counseling for the Scouts, etc.

It was at this meeting that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Department arrived. [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that an investigation was in progress regarding some St. Louis children (including troop members) and [REDACTED]. It was at this point which one Scout had apparently admitted to having oral sex performed on him by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] informed me of these events about 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, and we planned to meet the next day (January 31st) to discuss this in private. [REDACTED] was contacted about 1:00 p.m., shortly after hanging up with [REDACTED], and informed of the situation as well. He stated I should document and report everything I knew as clearly and as accurately as possible. Hence, this report.

[REDACTED] and I met Sunday, January 31st at 1:00 p.m. in a small study room in the Oak Lawn library. [REDACTED] typed a brief report to recap his account of this situation. We discussed various details of this report and the role of the council in this type of situation. At about 2:30 p.m., we closed and promised to maintain close contact in regards to further development.

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MEMO

To: All [REDACTED] Member's & Families
From: [REDACTED]
Date: October 22, 1987
Re: Scoutmaster

I am very pleased with the growth, development, leadership, and spirit of the scouts [REDACTED]. The "Greenbar" is doing a "GREAT" job of leading and encouraging the younger scouts. Advancement is positive and developing from scout to scout.

Adult leadership is strong and positive. Experienced leaders are encouraging and leading the newer parents that are getting involved.

It is really hard for me to communicate my feelings, but I must resign myself from any involvement in Troop 1600. I have just recently been promoted at my employment to a position of stronger responsibility. Also, I have some personal family situations which make it impossible for me to continue my involvement in the troop.

Thank you, scouts, for just being the great Christian scouts you are. I am proud of you. You are a TERRIFIC group. Give your all for yourselves and your new scoutmaster. He will be a lucky man.

Thanks for all the adults who support the youth of our troop. Keep encouraging them in becoming leaders, and the enjoyment in helping others. They are where the world should be.

I will miss all of you. Just don't forget to invite me to your EAGLE Court of Honor.

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Scout leader may face more sex abuse charges

ath
re youths say they
by [redacted] former Boy
suburban parks di-
with sexually assaul-
s, prosecutors said

earing in Chicago
Cook County Cir-
cristant State's Atty.
said the suspect,
[redacted] of Burbank,
th youths constant-
s as a Scout leader
r and director with
k District.

or a \$2.5 million
t, who has a crimi-
ing two other cases
abuse, Semrow said
fications of being a

pedophile. We consider him a
threat to the community."

Associate Judge Richard La Cien
set Hacker's bond at \$500,000. The
decision brought grumbles from
about 15 Scout parents in the
courtroom who had applauded
briefly when Semrow proposed the
higher bond.

Semrow said the state's attorney's
office will seek grand jury in-
dictments that could increase the
list of Hacker's alleged victims.

"I anticipate the filing of an addi-
tional 14 counts of aggravated crim-
inal sexual abuse," Semrow said,
"and 10 additional victims ranging
in age from 10 to 14."

Cook County officials also are
contacting prosecutors in nearby
states and counties where [redacted]

took his Scouts on campouts.

[redacted] was arrested Wednesday
and charged with six counts of
aggravated criminal sexual assault
against three boys in his Scout
troop between 1983 and November.
The boys were 11 and 12 years old
when the alleged incidents began.

Two boys allegedly were assaulted
on campouts in Cook County forest
preserves, said Lisa Howard, a
spokeswoman for the state's attor-
ney's office. The third allegedly was
assaulted before a basketball game
at Burbank's Reavis High School.

[redacted] resigned from the troop
last November and quit as park dis-
trict director in January amid
allegations that he stole \$500 from
a district safe, Howard said.

[redacted] didn't admit to taking the

money but replaced it, apparently
hoping that an investigation into his
past would end, park district attor-
ney Vincent Cainkar said Thursday.

The investigation ultimately
uncovered [redacted] conviction
in Indiana for sexual assault against
a 14-year-old boy. At the time,
Hacker taught English at an Indi-
anapolis junior high school and was
a Boy Scout leader.

The investigation into the alleged
sexual abuse of the Scouts began
Feb. 2, Howard said, when parents
of two Scouts came to Burbank po-
lice with suspicions that their sons
had been abused.

After [redacted] arrest on sex
charges, Indiana Scout officials
promised to place [redacted] name
on a national list of adults unfit for

Scout positions—an act they said
ensured that [redacted] was "banned
for life" from Scout activity.

But Scout officials in Chicago
said annual computer checks of
[redacted] name never turned up the
1970 incident.

Cainkar said park officials don't
know whether [redacted] background
was checked when he started work-
ing at the district. He said [redacted]
personnel file is missing, and offi-
cials suspect [redacted] removed it
when he left.

In addition to the Indiana con-
viction, Semrow and Burbank po-
lice said at the bond hearing that
[redacted] was arrested in 1971 in Mt.
Prospect on charges of taking inde-
cent liberties with a child. [redacted]
received a year of court supervision,
Burbank Detective Jack Touhy said.

Ex-Boy Scout leader faces abuse charges

By Rob Karwath

A former Boy Scout leader and suburban park district director with a record for child sexual abuse in Indiana was charged Wednesday with sexually abusing three young Scouts during campouts.

The suspect, [redacted], 51, of southwest suburban Burbank, was charged with five counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault against three Scouts ages 11 and 12 on campouts on the grounds of Burbank's Reavis High School, said Lisa Howard, spokeswoman for Cook County State's Atty. Richard Daley.

The alleged assaults occurred between 1983 and last November, Howard said. [redacted] resigned in November as a member of a parents committee that helped lead the group of about 30 Scouts from Burbank and Oak Lawn, she said. The troop met at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Oak Lawn.

[redacted] also resigned on Jan. 13 as director of the Burbank Park District, where he worked for sev-

eral years, amid allegations that he had stolen park money, Howard said.

Officials of the park district and the Chicago office of the Boy Scouts of America said they were shocked to learn that [redacted] pleaded guilty in 1970 to sexually abusing a 13-year-old student at the Indianapolis junior high school where he taught. The officials said they learned of the charge only after the current investigation began.

The state's attorney's office formed a "mass molestation task force" to investigate [redacted] after parents of two Scouts told Burbank police Feb. 2 they suspected that Hacker had abused their sons, Howard said.

The task force, comprised of Burbank police, Oak Lawn police, Illinois state police and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, continues to investigate charges that Hacker abused other Scouts on campouts outside Cook County.

"We have information that sev-

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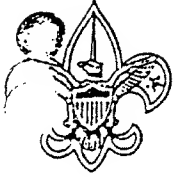
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CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

730 West Lake Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(312) 559-0990

February 11, 1988

We have provided the information requested
by the States Attorney's office in respect to the
charges against [REDACTED]

The States Attorney's office continues to
look into these charges and, accordingly, we cannot
make any further statements at this time.

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Ex-Scout leader charged with sex abuse

By Rob Karwath

A former Boy Scout leader and suburban park district director with a record for child sexual abuse in Indiana was charged Wednesday with sexually abusing three Scouts during campouts.

The suspect, [redacted], 51, of southwest suburban Burbank, was charged with five counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault against three Scouts ages 11 and 12 on campouts on the grounds of Burbank's Reavis High School, said Lisa Howard, spokeswoman for Cook County State's Atty. Richard Daley.

The alleged assaults occurred between 1983 and last November, Howard said. [redacted] resigned in November as a member of a parents committee that helped lead the group of about 30 Scouts from Burbank and Oak Lawn, she said. The troop met at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Oak Lawn. [redacted] also resigned on Jan. 13 as director of the Burbank Park District, where he worked for several years, amid allegations that he had stolen park money, Howard said.

Officials of the park district and the Chicago office of the Boy Scouts of America said they

were shocked to learn that [redacted] pleaded guilty in 1970 to sexually abusing a 13-year-old student at the Indianapolis junior high school where he taught. The officials said they learned of the charge only after the current investigation began.

The state's attorney's office formed a "mass molestation task force" to investigate [redacted] after parents of two Scouts told Burbank police Feb. 2 they suspected that Hacker had abused their sons, Howard said.

The task force, composed of Burbank police, Oak Lawn police, Illinois State Police and the Illinois Department of Children

and Family Services, continues to investigate charges that [redacted] abused other Scouts on campouts outside Cook County.

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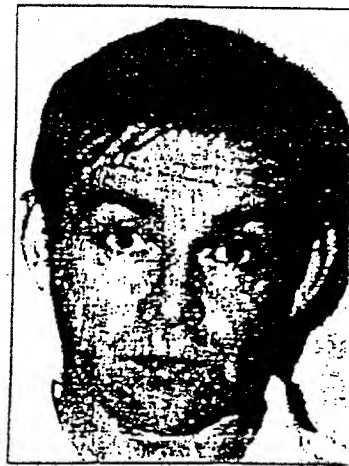
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February 11, 1988

TO: Ben H. Love, S-400
Barclay Bollas, S-313

FROM: [REDACTED]

Chicago Area Council
Boy Scouts of America

MEMO

TO: [REDACTED]

FROM: Al Bregante

DATE: February 2, 1988

SUBJECT: Report of Sexual Child Abuse Allegations

cc: [REDACTED]

The following report summarizes events that have transpired over the last several months with relation to Thomas J. Hacker and [REDACTED] chartered by [REDACTED]. The report is based upon information discussed at a meeting with Gerald Sebastian, Scouting coordinator of [REDACTED], and attempts to handle the subject at hand as sensitively and accurately as possible.

[REDACTED], previously registered as Committee Chairman of [REDACTED] until January 31, 1988, has been active with the troop for the last 3-4 years. Although Mr. [REDACTED] was officially registered as Committee Chairman, his primary role was that of Scoutmaster. This tenure came to a sudden halt though, when Hacker tendered his resignation to the troop in October of 1987 due to "personal reasons."

A few days prior to this resignation, a troop parents' meeting was held. It was at this meeting that some parents became quite vocal with Mr. [REDACTED] questioning what boys were accomplishing at troops meetings, campouts, and other Scouting functions. Mr. Hacker proceeded to explain and then requested more parental participation was needed for effective troop operations. It was assumed, due to the flavor of this meeting, that this was the cause which led [REDACTED] to resign. It was confirmed by [REDACTED] however, that Mr. [REDACTED] is planning to resign for some time now and it was just "bad timing." The meeting had no impact on Tom's decision to leave. It should be noted that Mr. [REDACTED] had recently separated from his wife, and divorce proceedings were taking place around the same time.

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Troop operations continued to proceed under the leadership of the new Scoutmaster, [REDACTED], a former member of committee for [REDACTED]. A Christmas party camp-out took place at Camp Sullivan during the month of December and another weekend camp-out at Camp Rhineburg in Palatine on the 15th, 16th and 17th of January. Though Mr. [REDACTED] resigned a month earlier, he was present for both of these camp-outs.

Mr. [REDACTED] had recently resigned on January 13, 1988 as Director of the Burbank Park District also. The resignation cited "personal reasons," but came after a police background check had revealed a felony conviction 18 years ago. This charge was heard to be of a sex related nature. The background check came on the heels of two park field house burglaries and the theft of \$575.00.

On January 20, [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] Executive Officer of the troop and [REDACTED]. On the same date, but earlier in the evening, [REDACTED] had also met with [REDACTED] previously registered Scoutmaster of the troop. Both meetings dealt with the October's parent meeting that preceded Mr. Hacker's resignation, the rumors associated with [REDACTED]'s giving up the park district post, and the request that [REDACTED] not be allowed to attend future troop activities. Both Mr. Staudt and Mr. Sebastian conferred at work the next day to discuss informing parents and troop leaders of this exclusion.

On Saturday, January 30, at 9:30 a.m. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] to inform him and discuss that some troop parents were going to press charges against [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] received this information from [REDACTED], a member of the committee in the troop. A meeting was then scheduled and conducted at 10:30 a.m. with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the parish home. It was decided at this meeting that troop activities would carry on as usual and that assistance would be sought from the Boy Scout organization (C.A.C.) on how to handle inquiries from parents, legal ramifications, counseling for the Scouts, etc.

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It was at this meeting that [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Police Department arrived. [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that an investigation was in progress regarding some St. Louis children (including troop members) and [REDACTED]. It was at this point which one Scout had apparently admitted to having oral sex performed on him by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] informed me of these events about 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, and we planned to meet the next day (January 31) to discuss this in private. Bob Wilborn was contacted about 1:00 p.m. shortly after hanging up with Sebastian, and informed of the situation as well. He stated I should document and report everything I knew as clearly and as accurately as possible. Hence, this report.

[REDACTED] and I met Sunday, January 31 at 1:00 p.m. in a small study room in the Oak Lawn library. Jerry typed a brief report to recap his account of this situation. We discussed various details of this report and the role of the council in this type of situation. At about 2:30 p.m. we closed and promised to maintain close contact in regards to further developments.

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NEWS ADVISORY

Date: February 12, 1988

Signed:

Barclay Bonas
Barclay Bonas

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Ext: 2271

SOURCE:

THE FACTS:

[REDACTED] Scoutmaster of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Illinois is being charged with 25 counts of oral sex with minors.

Initial alert was received from Paul Ernst advising of a phone call from the Chicago TRIBUNE. Subsequent calls have been received from Chicago SUN TIMES, Arlington Heights HERALD, and the Chicago ECONOMIST newspaper chain.

ACTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Questions are being referred to the Cooke County States Attorney press office.

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INFORMATION SERVICES REPORT NO. 8898

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November 2, 1971

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
Northwest Suburban Council, No. 751

Personal and Confidential

Re: T [REDACTED]
T [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of October 27 concerning T [REDACTED].
You have uncovered the case of a furtive individual who has successfully attained registration in the Boy Scouts of America by changing his name. We have had Mr. T [REDACTED] the Confidential File since June, 1970 for exactly the same reasons you presented.

Under no circumstances do we want this man registered in Scouting. We are taking steps to have his name deleted from our records and adding the additional information you sent to his file. Thank you very much for bringing this situation to our attention.

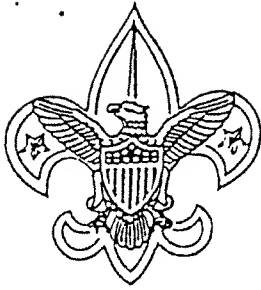
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL, 751

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

1522 NORTH RAND ROAD • ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60004 • (312) 394-5050

October 27, 1971

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
Registration and Membership
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Mr. [REDACTED], 920 Beau Drive, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016, is currently registered as District Publicity Committee Chairman, and Scoutmaster of [REDACTED], Northwest Suburban Council.

Within the last week, it has come to our attention, that Mr. [REDACTED] has been arrested on charges of taking indecent liberties with a child. Mr. [REDACTED] known as Mr. [REDACTED]

We have also been able to learn that Mr. [REDACTED] was very active in Scouting in the Central Indiana Council, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Enclosed you will find a photocopy of a local news article pertaining to the incident.

We have removed Mr. [REDACTED] from both Scouting capacities locally, and would appreciate any additional information or guidance that you might be able to provide.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive

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A PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION

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Charge Area Man

A 35-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested this week by Mount Prospect police and charged with two counts of taking indecent liberties with a child. Police said [REDACTED] also known as Thomas Edward, of 920 Beau Dr., Des Plaines, was arrested Monday and released on \$5,000 bond. He will appear Tuesday in Niles Court.

Both cases involved juveniles, therefore police would reveal no further details.

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June 15, 1970

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
Central Indiana Council, No. 160

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Randy Merritt
John C. Schafer
Thomas E. Hacker

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your letter of June 8 and the enclosed confidential record sheets concerning the above Scouters. We have placed this information in our file.

We would very much appreciate you writing us again when you learn the results of the trials of both Mr. Hacker and Mr. Schafer. This additional information should help us in the future, should those men ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director
Registration and Fulfillment Service

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May 8, 1977

[REDACTED]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Central Intelligence Agency, P.O. 160

EXCLUDED AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: John G. Schaefer
Andy Herritt
Thomas L. Hicker

Dear Sirs:

On February 26, 1977, I wrote you a letter asking you to put on the confidential file the names of Schaefer, Andy Herritt and Thomas L. Hicker. You sent us a newspaper clipping which supplied considerable information on Thomas Hicker. You sent us a photograph of Andy Herritt which we have received. However, we have really no information on John G. Schaefer. Can you please send us some information on him?

Also, for your identification, please send us the confidential record sheets of each of these three men, filling in as much of the information as you can. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Karl L. Krull, Director
Registration and Fulfillment Service

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Enc. Record Sheets

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March 18, 1970

[REDACTED]
Scout Executive
Central Indiana Council, No. 160

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: John C. Schafer
Randy Merrick
Thomas E. Hacker

Dear Mr. Chase:

Thank you for your letter of February 26 and the enclosed correspondence and newspaper clipping. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have these names deleted from our records.

Although you were very thorough in submitting Messrs. Schafer, Merrick and Hacker, we would appreciate more details in the case of John C. Schafer. Would it be possible to send us a copy of his confession or, perhaps the police report? This would help to strengthen our position of refusing to accept any future application for registration we might receive from this individual.

Enclosed are three confidential record sheets which we would appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible, together with the above requested material. This will enable us to identify all three men, should they ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director
Registration and Fulfillment Service

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February 26, 1970

Mr. Earl L. Krall, Director
Registration & Fulfillment Service
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Mr. Krall:

John C. Schafer just registered as Assistant Scoutmaster of [REDACTED] Northeast District, on transmittal #11 dated February 5, 1970. He has been picked up by the [REDACTED] Police Department and has signed a confession as a child molester. I would appreciate it if you would put him on the "red flag" list.

Also, I am sending you a report on Randy Merrick. This has come to a head principally because of the final report which I am sending you on Thomas E. Hucker. Randy Merrick has not been allowed to register in any unit in our council, but we are afraid he may leave this council and go somewhere else and try to register.

In addition, I would like to report on [REDACTED] who has really caused a storm in our council and in Indianapolis. He was registered as a Scoutmaster in the Mt. Olive Methodist Church in the West District a few years ago; we had reports there was a problem. He was removed as Scoutmaster of that troop, but we could not secure anything definite from parents or boys on which we could act. Mr. [REDACTED] was taken to court and released because parents did not appear against him and there was lack of sufficient evidence. At the time, a prominent member of my board called me to say he knew the family, that Tom was a fine young man, and asked that he not be placed on our "red flag" list. Because of no concrete evidence, at the time, we did not do this for which I have had many hours of regret.

Also, at the time Mr. [REDACTED] was a bachelor. He moved to Charlottesville on the east edge of Hancock County, married (in fact he now has two sons), then moved back into the city in the school system on the east side, and, frankly, with over 9,000 leaders and not being close to many of them, we made the mistake of not banning Tom from leadership in our council. In 1964, he did register as an Assistant Scoutmaster in one of the finest troops on the far east side of Marion County. He served two years there, and then he dropped out or was asked to drop out. If he was asked to leave, we did

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Mr. Earl L. Krall
February 26, 1970

not receive any information of anything wrong at the time. In October of 1968, he registered as Scoutmaster of another troop on the far east side of Indianapolis. The District Executive became suspicious a couple of months ago, and he finally met with the Troop Committee and Mr. [REDACTED] was asked to resign. We were placing him on our "red flag" list when everything broke. I am enclosing two newspaper clippings which give the story. This man should not be allowed to register in the Boy Scouts of America at any time or any place.

Yours truly,
[REDACTED]

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

FMC:dms

Encs.

cc to Dr. Max S. Norris, Council President
District Executives of Pioneer, Northeast and Great Northwest
CIC Registration Department

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List Of Boys Grows

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yesterday on a charge of assault and battery to gratify sexual desires when he appeared in Municipal Court, Room 10. He is free on \$150 cash bond set by Judge D. William Cramer.

who is married and has two preschool-age children, appeared in court with a new attorney, Ernie M. Burke, until recently judge of Municipal Court, Room 10.

Burke was the presiding judge, it was learned, in an assault-and-battery case involving Hacker in 1961 when Hacker taught English at Ben Davis Junior High School, 1159 South High School Road, and was a leader of a Boy Scout troop that met at Mount Olive United Methodist Church, 1449 South High School Road.

Although Burke eventually dismissed the charges after a two-and-a-half hour trial, Hacker was discharged as a teacher in the Wayne Township Schools and suspended as a scoutmaster.

WHEN applied for a job with the Indianapolis schools in 1962, the Wayne Township system submitted no information on his arrest and trial the previous year, an official in the Indianapolis system said yesterday.

On the contrary, he said, an official of the Wayne Township schools sent a letter stating that Hacker's character was above criticism. The Wayne Township official was en route to a national meeting of superintendents at Atlantic City, N.J., yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

The Indianapolis official, who asked to remain anonymous, said Hacker would not have been hired if the local board had known of his arrest record.

THE 1961 CASE against Hacker stemmed from a Scout campout in March, but he was not arrested until July 1961 after some of the boys told their parents he had entered their tents during the night, according to Detective Sgt. Donald Okey of the Marion County Sheriff's Department, who made the arrest.

His trial was held on Aug. 16, 1961. Judge Burke took

the case and sentenced Hacker to 90 days in jail and on Aug. 14, 1961, he was charged.

Burke explained yesterday he dropped the charges because in his opinion there was reasonable doubt as to whether Hacker was guilty under the circumstances, Burke said.

He did not want to ruin Hacker's career as a teacher.

After leaving Ben Davis Junior High School, Hacker taught in the Jackson Blue River School System at Charlottesville, Va., and in a County before applying for a job in Indianapolis and being accepted.

ALSO was mentioned in the trial because there was no evidence of a Scoutmaster.

Frank M. Schaefer, a Scoutmaster of Troop 109, Central Indiana Council, said yesterday.

Scout records showed Hacker was assistant scoutmaster of Troop 109, which met at the Franklin Road Baptist Church, 59 North Franklin Road, from December 1964 to December 1966. He became scoutmaster of Troop 3, which met at the Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Avenue, in October 1968 and resigned under pressure about 10 days ago.

Dr. Dwight W. Schaefer, a psychiatrist and member of the Indianapolis Merit Commission, declared yesterday that parents need to establish an attitude of openness about sex with their children and to have the youngsters become involved in sex.

The idea, he said, is to bring up the subject early and wash it out of the mind with a proper attitude.

Children need to feel that if they are confronted with an unusual sexual experience they will not be punished if they tell their parents about it.

Deputy Police Chief Stephen D. Davenport and Sgt. Marshall said the reason for the allegations of sexual abuse was disclosed for many months. That the adults involved were teachers in the schools was eventually disclosed in the community. That the boys were coming to the school and the parents were not aware of the sexual problems but they are all aware of the problems, Davenport said. Marshall said that problems

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Boys Allegedly Molested by Teacher Grows To 51 Names

BY ROBERT L. PEIRCE

Twenty-eight names were added yesterday to the list of youngsters reportedly involved with [redacted] 33-year-old schoolteacher and Boy Scout leader charged with sexually molesting boys, police said.

This brought to 51 the number of boys believed to have been victimized in the last two years, according to Detective Sgt. Daniel V. Marshall of the homicide division.

Forty-seven of the boys are pupils at School 57, 5435 East Washington Street, where [redacted] taught seventh and eighth-grade English until resigning last Tuesday, Marshall said.

Marshall's investigation yesterday added the names of three pupils at School 77, 6040 East Pleasant Run Parkway, South Drive, and one pupil at Thomas, Catr. Howe High School, 1800 Jullian Avenue, Marshall said.

[redacted] teacher in the Indianapolis Public Schools since 1962, was bound over to the Marion County grand jury.

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